4 AEZs, have been short listed for implementation under the Scheme. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has appointed M/s. Yes Bank as an advisor for fast tracking of 3 AEZs through public private partnership.

APEDA has also:

(i) provided financial assistance for setting up of Pack houses and Vapour Heat Treatment facilities by Andhra Pradesh State, Industrial Development Corporation (AGROS) at a cost of Rs. 8.34 crores each in the Tirupati and Nuzvid Districts in Andhra Pradesh.

(ii) given an in-principal approval for setting up of common aseptic packing facility in Mango cluster in Chitoor at a cost of Rs.4.40 crore.

(d) Does not arise

Trade on Attari-Wagah border

†1066. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote trade on Attari-Wagah border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be possible to start trading on the said Indo-Pak borders alongwith the names of the products proposed to be included in the trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the Fourth Round of India-Pakistan Commerce Secretary-level talks on Economic and Commercial Cooperation within the framework of Composite Dialogue held in New Delhi on 31 July -1 August, 2007, enhancement of trade through Attari-Wagah border was, *inter-alia*, discussed. Both sides briefed about their plans to develop Integrated Check-post (ICP) at this border and agreed to continue the exchange of information on the development in this regard on either side.

(c) At present, both India and Pakistan use Attari-Wagah rail route for their bilateral trade. As regards road route through Attari-Wagah, while India has already notified Attari Land Customs Station (LCS) for bilateral trade, since 1994, Pakistan is yet to open Wagah on their side for bilateral trade except for import of certain essential commodities from India since May 2005. These items consist of certain live animals, halal meats, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, and garlic. India has requested Pakistan to open Wagah on a permanent basis for all commodities for bilateral trade through this road route. The enhancement of bilateral trade and the items to be traded between the two countries through Attari-Wagah will depend upon the opening of Wagah road route by Pakistan, operationalisation of Integrated Check Posts on both sides and giving up of positive list approach by Pakistan.

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